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SUBJECT: SANKEI PHONE SURVEY ON JSP

1. SUMMARY: THE 1/21 EDITION OF THE DAILY "SANKEI" REPORTED FINDINGS OF THAT PAPER'S 1/19 TELEPHONE SURVEY OF TOKYO-OSAKA AREA RESIDENTS AGED 15-64 ON THEIR IMAGE OF THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP). COMPLETED INTERVIEWS WITH 978 PERSONS FOUND HALF SAYING THE JSP IS UNRELIABLE AND ALMOST HALF SAYING ITS THINKING AND ACTIONS ARE OLD, DATED AND UNWORTHY OF A REFORMIST PARTY; AND YET TWO THIRDS WANT THE JSP TO HANG IN THERE. THREE FOURTHS SAID THE PARTY SHOULD BROADEN ITS POLICIES IN THE DIRECTION OF PROMOTING A "CITIZENS' SOCIALISM." IF A REFORMIST COALITION REGIME WERE BEING SET UP, ALMOST HALF WOULD FAVOR ONE EXCLUDING THE JCP, WHILE ONE FOURTH WOULD ACCEPT REGIME OF ALL "REFORMIST" PARTIES INCLUDING THE JCP. END SUMMARY.

2. DETAILS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS:

Q.1 FOR YOU, IS THE SOCIALIST PARTY A DEPENDABLE PARTY OR AN

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UNDEPENDABLE PARTY?

DEPENDABLE PARTY 9

UNDEPENDABLE PARTY 51

CAN'T SAY EITHER WAY 36

DON'T KNOW 4

Q.2 FOR, YOU, IS THE SOCIALIST PARTY ONE THAT YOU WANT TO STAND

FIRM OR NOT?

YES	67
NO	22
DON'T KNOW	11

Q.3 AS TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S WAY OF THINKING AND ITS ACTIONS, DO YOU THINK "THEY ARE MOSTLY FRESH WITH MODERN SENSE WORTHY OF A REFORMIST POLITICAL PARTY" OR DO YOU THINK THAT "THEY ARE DATED, OLD AND UNWORTHY OF A REFORMIST POLITICAL PARTY?"

FRESH, WORTHY OF REFORMIST PARTY	11
DATED, UNWORTHY OF REFORMIST PARTY	48
CAN'T SAY EITHER WAY	38
DON'T KNOW	3

Q.4 IN THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS LATE LAST YEAR, 124 PERSONS WERE ELECTED FROM THE JSP. DO YOU THINK THIS SHOWING WAS A GOOD ONE BRINGING OUT (THE PARTY'S) NORMAL ABILITIES, OR DO YOU THINK IT SHOWED INADEQUATE STRENGTH AND NATURALLY SHOULD HAVE WON EVEN MORE?

DID WELL	32
SHOWED INADEQUATE STRENGTH	53
DON'T KNOW	15

Q.5 WHAT KIND OF REQUESTS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE WAY THE JSP SHOULD BE?

WANT IT TO MAKE CLOSER ITS TIES WITH LABOR UNIONS AND FIGHT TO PRESERVE LABORING CLASS RIGHTS AND INTERESTS 11  
WANT IT TO STOP BEING CENTERED ON LABOR UNIONS AND AIM FOR A CITIZENS' SOCIALISM BY ADOPTING POLICIES WITH  
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THE STRATUM OF CITIZENRY MORE IN MIND	75
NO PARTICULAR REQUESTS TO MAKE	12
DON'T KNOW	2

Q.6 THE JSP AIMS AT CREATING A REFORMIST COALITION REGIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN SUCH CASE, WHAT KIND OF COMBINATION WOULD YOU WANT THE COALITION WITH OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES TO CONSIST OF?

COALITION REGIME INCLUDING THE CGP, DSP AND JCP	26
COALITION WITH THE CGP AND DSP, BUT EXCLUDING THE JCP	46
COALITION REGIME ONLY WITH THE JCP	5
OPPOSE A REFORMIST COALITION EGIME	13
OTHER; DON'T KNOW	10

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